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Residents, Businesses, City Launch Economic Development Strategy

Belmont is on course to boost its economic vitality, and in the process improve the quality of life for all residents.

It is an enormous task, involving a lot of citizens, staff, commissions, and the City Council. It will be achieved in stages over a number of years.

And it will transform Belmont.

A lot of committee, citizen and business input have been contributed already. Even an Economic Summit on a blustery January Saturday attracted 75 residents, business representatives and council members who rated their priorities for economic development. This helped the Council set priorities for implementation strategies in April.

There are a lot of reports about this subject at www.belmont.gov. But for the purposes of a snapshot, the Economic Development Strategy will guide Belmont's economic direction for the next 20 years. It provides focus for the General Plan update, the Redevelopment Agency's Los Costanos Plan, and future policy decisions.

It should be noted that this Economic Development Strategy is part of a three-pronged effort to establish direction for the long-term planning and development of the City. The related initiatives in this planning process include a community-wide visioning initiative (see sidebar on Page 2) and a comprehensive update of the General Plan to follow.

The strategy first provides a summary of the City's Economic Development

Goals, shaped around the theme of the Mission Statement. A portion of the Goals and Policies are to be applied citywide, and a portion relate to specific "Opportunity Areas" within Belmont. These areas represent potential sites for development initiatives to spur local economic growth. Finally, the strategy provides an implementation plan.

The overall goals are:

- Goal #1: Cultivate a Diverse Economy: A diverse economic base, with employment distributed among various industrial

sectors, can help Belmont weather shifts in the national and regional economy. Belmont should build upon and diversify its current economic base by targeting key industrial sectors. These include the information and technology, educational services, retail, and health services industries.

- Goal #2: Promote Retention and Expansion of Existing Businesses: The City should aim to support and maintain its existing firms as a priority. This approach becomes particularly vital during downturns in the economy, when diminishing revenue can either force a company out of business or compel them to relocate to another, less costly, location.

Either scenario represents a loss of jobs, economic activity, and/or fiscal revenue for the City.

- Goal #3: Strengthen Belmont's Role as a Center for Arts and Education: Belmont is home to a thriving arts community thanks to its long history of welcoming and supporting artists and arts organizations. However, this competitive advantage has not been fully connected to retailing and economic development in the rest of the city. The presence of a significant arts community in Belmont is not widely known, even by its own residents. If the City's current arts resources can be better organized, focused, and marketed, strong



Playground Renovations



The City recently completed five major playground renovations, including one illustrated with this photo from Twin Pines Park. Other upgrades have been completed at College View Park, Hastings Tot Lot, Belmont Sports Complex, and the Community Learning Center at Barrett. Funding for the improvements was provided through the 2000 State Bond Act.

potential exists for using arts to leverage economic development in Belmont.

- Goal #4: Augment Belmont's Retail and Service Industries: Belmont's retail and food services industries comprise a key sector in the local economic base in

terms of employment, growth, and taxable sales revenue. The City should continue to support and grow this sector to serve residents, local employees, and visitors.

- Goal #5: Enhance Belmont's Overall Quality of Life: Historically, local jurisdictions have concentrated on tax incentives and other financial programs to attract employers and spur economic development. Scholars and policy makers are now beginning to recognize that quality of life factors are equally valuable in attracting businesses, visitors, and new residents, improving the City for community members, and promoting economic development.

The Opportunity Areas outlined in the Economic Development report include:

- Develop the Ralston/El Camino Real/Old County Road Intersection into a vibrant, active, and walkable downtown. Potential policies that the Council could enact to further the goal include creating a central shopping and community gather area in downtown, and high density

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Budget Update: More Cuts Made, More Cuts Ahead

Two concurrent forces are squeezing Belmont's city budget: the economic downturn and the State of California, Finance Director Thomas Fil reported to the City Council.

"Belmont dealt with the economic downturn and our structural budget problems by proposing \$1.3 million in corrections early in 2003," Fil noted.

"The State poses an equally large and fundamentally more troubling threat to local services," he reports. "Over the past 20 years, Belmont taxpayers have lost over \$5 million due to state takeaways of property tax and other local revenues. The final FY03-04 budget adopted by the State required Belmont to cut several hundred thousand dollars. As a result of that and the continued economic slump, the City Council approved additional budget cuts of \$480,000 last fall."

These cuts included (for full list, visit www.belmont.gov):

- Close city hall operations for holiday period, \$108,100.
- Reduce outside plan check services, \$20,000.
- Reduce pre-employment services & advertising, \$20,000.
- Reduce funding for a police dispatcher position, \$55,564.
- Suspend SWAT team operations, 20,000.
- Eliminate contract maintenance on City Hall grounds, \$10,000.
- Reduce discretionary repair & maintenance projects, \$15,000.
- Reduce funding for one park maintenance position, \$60,000.

"Unfortunately, the local economy continues to suffer, particularly our sales and hotel tax revenues," said Fil. As a result, further cuts are expected to be made in the current year and staff is working on an additional package of cuts for Fiscal Year '05.

Code Enforcement Now Accepts Anonymous Complaints for Visible Violations

Let's keep Belmont beautiful! If you believe that there is a violation of the City's Property Maintenance Ordinance in your neighborhood, report the situation to the Code Enforcement Officer at (650) 610-5743. When you call, please be prepared to provide a description of the alleged violation and the address where it is occurring. Belmont has begun a pilot program to accept anonymous complaints for violations that can be observed from the public right of way.

Things You Show Know About Sewer Backups & Related Procedures

Your plumbing fixtures discharge from your house or business to the City's sewer main through a pipe known as a house connection sewer and sewer lateral. This pipe belongs to the property owner who is responsible for its repair and maintenance.

As a courtesy to property owners, the Belmont Department of Public Works will attempt to clear blockages in the sewer lateral section of the pipe (the section of pipe within the public right-of-way running from your property line to the sewer main) if there is an accessible property line cleanout. Call us at 595-7427 or after hours at 595-7400 (police dispatch) and our emergency sewer crew will respond.

If you are experiencing repeated sewer backups in your house connection or sewer lateral, your pipe may be blocked with tree roots or may be broken. If you continue to experience these problems, we recommend you have a licensed plumber investigate your house connection and sewer lateral to determine the cause and propose a remedy.

If you have questions about how to hire a plumber, please contact the California Contractor's State License Board at 1/800-321-2752 or visit their website at www.cslb.ca.gov. Your plumber should check with the City of Belmont Permit Cen-

ter at 595-7427 to determine if the proposed repair requires a building or encroachment permit.

How to Effectively Treat Unruly Tree Roots

Unruly tree roots are a major cause of sewer backups and spills, and unless removed, the roots can eventually shatter the brittle clay sewer pipes. But there is relief.

The Public Works Department tested sewer root foaming in the northwest section of the City last summer and was so pleased with the results it plans to make this low-cost treatment part of the annual sewer maintenance program.

City crews had been removing roots through mechanical methods such as rodding and jetting but found the roots quickly grew back even more vigorously. Three months after foaming, City crews found no trace of roots in treated sewers and, even better, have found that call-outs for blocked lines are way down in the treated areas.

Root foaming uses an EPA-approved herbicide to kill roots in the sewer lines and discourages their regrowth for several years. The treatment does not otherwise harm trees. The City has a contract underway to treat roots in the Sunnyslope, Downtown, and Central neighborhoods prior to sewer rehabilitation this summer. Later this spring and summer, the City plans to foam the Hallmark, Western Hills and Carlmont sewers to complete the entire sewer system.

Do you need a backflow or backwater valve on your sewer lateral? That depends on the relative elevation of your home's sewer discharge line (lateral service) and the City's sewer main. The Belmont code requires that you install a backflow valve when you install or replace your service lateral if either sewer manhole on either side of your lateral connection is higher than your house discharge.

The backflow valve is a one-way valve in your lateral that allows sewage to flow from your house but prevents reverse flow from the sewer main back into your house. Installation requires a City building permit and we recommend you have the work done by a licensed plumber.

Watch the Belmont website, soon to be totally redesigned, for press releases and other important City information:
www.belmont.gov

Economic Development Strategy

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mixed-use projects on the parcels surrounding this intersection. A potential action the Council could take in this regard is to commission a land use and economic study of downtown to improve physical amenities, transportation, pedestrian connections, and land use opportunities.

■ Revitalize El Camino Real to the North of Ralston Avenue: The section of El Camino Real north of Ralston Avenue represents an underutilized Opportunity Area. Its proximity to the CalTrain station and Downtown Belmont enhance its potential as a site for new development.

■ Strengthen Ralston Avenue's Identity as the "Avenue of the Arts." Ralston Avenue's full potential as Belmont's center for arts and culture remains untapped. The presence of 1870 Arts Studios, Twin Pine Park, and NDNU, and its proximity to the Carlmont Center and downtown Belmont suggest Ralston Avenue could become a focus for local economic development activity.

■ Encourage Regional-Serving Development East of Highway 101. The parts of Belmont east of Highway 101 enjoy strong freeway access and visibility, making them suitable for retail and office development.

Policies, actions, and timelines for each of the goals are contained in a report that can be reviewed at www.belmont.gov. The report is called City of Belmont Economic Development Strategy. The City Council is expected to establish priorities from the many issues raised in the report in April. The staff report will be available on the web. Staff will implement the Council's economic development priorities with detailed, multi-year workplans.

'Less Pesticides' Beneficial for Residential Use

The City of Belmont Parks and Recreation Department has adopted an Integrated Pest Management policy for the care of City parks, street landscaping, and buildings that may also be beneficial for residential use. Integrated Pest Management or IPM refers to techniques that reduce the use of pesticides and thereby reduce the exposure of workers, the general public, and the environment to toxic materials.

Typical IPM techniques include using pest-resistant landscaping, or substituting mechanical controls such as mowing or mulching for herbicides.

Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates that they are needed and are targeted to the pest organism. Would IPM help the home gardener reduce toxics in the yard and greater environment? Absolutely! Check EPA's IPM website at www.epa.gov/pesticides/food/ipm.htm for details.

State, Federal Funding Paradox Denies Street Funds

The combination of no federal or state funds that normally are available to local communities like Belmont for roadway resurfacing projects mean that several streets in need of renovation will have to wait because no significant project can be implemented without the availability of state and federal funds.

The federal funding picture should be resolved by 2005. The State funding picture is less clear. The use of Measure A sales tax funds as a local match to state and federal funds has the potential to realize between \$2 million and \$3 million dollars for roadway reconstruction.

What does it all mean? It means that the City is forced to defer repairs

Citizen-Developed Vision Statement for Belmont

Belmont's six-month visioning process concluded last fall when the City Council unanimously adopted the City's new Vision Statement. The community was the driving force behind the effort, with nearly 80 residents and other volunteers working throughout the summer to develop the vision themes.

Additional comments from more than 100 members of the community refined the statement that was presented to the Council. The statement contains points in support of five major themes about Belmont: Distinctive Community Character, Natural Beauty, Thriving Culture, Thriving Economy, and Easy Mobility. These themes and their support statements will guide the community as it prepares to update the Belmont General Plan and implement an economic development strategy in the coming years. The full list is at www.belmont.gov.

Some examples:

Distinctive Community Character

- Belmont prides itself on being unique.
- Its small-town ambience sets it apart as a tranquil, safe, and desirable place to live.
- Our strong sense of community and enjoyment of the town's assets and activities deepen as we become better informed and connected.

Natural Beauty

- We choose to make our home among these beautiful hills, trees, parks, views, and open spaces.
- Our actions today preserve and enhance Belmont's beauty to make it even lovelier for our grandchildren.

Thriving Culture

- Belmont is a wonderfully safe and supportive place to raise a family.
- Our schools and library are the pride of the community.
- Our university is intrinsic to Belmont's social, artistic and economic life.
- The arts thrive in this creative, appreciative town — the arts hub of the Peninsula.

Thriving Economy

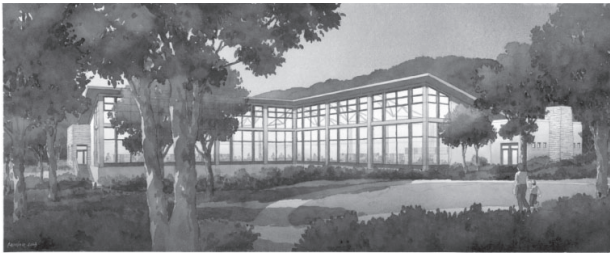
- Our economy prospers with a mix of attractive, successful businesses that fit with our community character.
- Education, arts and the economy flourish in concert.

Easy Mobility

- We put a priority on getting out of, into, and through town efficiently.
- We require safe residential streets and smooth-flowing thoroughfares.

planned along portions of 68 miles of asphalt concrete pavements in the City. Fortunately, about 56 percent of Belmont's asphalt streets are in excellent or good condition. But those in fair or poor condition will have to wait a little longer before the City can afford to renovate them.

Some examples of streets waiting for the federal and state funding dilemma to resolve: Sixth Avenue between Waltermire and O'Neill; O'Neill between El Camino and Sixth; Notre Dame between Miller and Alameda; and Middle between Davey Glen and El Camino. The City will re-address the issue in a year.



These renderings of the new library were approved by the City Council in December.



City On Track to Start Construction of New Library in January ‘05

The City is on track to start construction of the new library starting next January. Recent highlights include:

- The City Council directed the Library Steering Committee and consultants to proceed to the schematic design stage with a revised “L” shaped project concept and two sizing options: 18,000 and 21,000 square feet.
- The Planning Commission is expected to issue a conditional use permit for up to 21,000 square feet in mid-March. Should funding dictate a smaller facility fee, the approval is still valid.
- Based on input from the community meetings, the architects, members of the Steering Committee, and Parks & Recreation Department, the site plan has been developed to provide two new play areas, an entry plaza, areas for outdoor reading and picnics, and accessible walkways.
- The City has begun assessing the tax approved by voters to pay for the new Library and the bonds have been sold.

The project schedule includes:

- Design development and construction documents through August 2004.
- Submittal for building permit between August and Oct. 1, 2004.
- Bid period from Oct. 1-Nov. 15, 2004.
- Construction begins January, 2005.
- Opening date, April, 2006.

Belmont Delegation Planning Sister City Trip to Namur, Belgium: You Can Go, Too

Activities between Belmont and its Sister City Namur, Belgium, are heating up.

A delegation from Namur is expected to visit Belmont April 19-20. (A 22-member Namur delegation also visited Belmont in April 2003). Plans are underway for a visit by a Belmont delegation to Namur in June.

Namur is a community tucked along two rivers, featuring cobblestone streets, medieval buildings and, like Belmont, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the motherhouse for the order of nuns, was established in Namur in 1809. Locally, the Sisters operate Belmont’s Notre Dame de Namur

Council Corner: An Update on Recent or Pending Actions

The Council and staff are busy examining lots of important city issues. Here is a brief update on some of the items recently acted on or expected to be acted on in the coming months:

Parking Issues: Parking is a major concern at several specific locations around the community. City staff will take a comprehensive look at the issues and identify the locations, outline the options available for addressing the problem, and prepare a cost/benefit analysis of each of the proposed options. Preferential parking for residents and dangerous curves will be explored. A workplan for this year-long study was adopted by the Council in January. The next report to Council, related to residential permit parking, is expected in June.

Sidewalks: Sidewalks, curbs and gutters in Belmont have suffered over the years. A study was undertaken to establish a citywide policy on installation of new sidewalks and maintenance of existing sidewalks. City Council provided direction in January to establish an ordinance regarding sidewalks and to look at using Redevelopment funds for repairing sidewalks in the downtown area.

Streamlining Review of Single Family & Duplex Residential Applications: In January the Council adopted Planning Commission recommendations on a set of changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the review of single family and duplex residential design review. A new section provides an up-to-date set of procedures, findings and standard conditions for the review of new and remodeled homes and duplexes. Some highlights:

- Permit steps have been consolidated.
- New findings specifically address the removal / excessive pruning of trees as a part of overall project review.
- A finding now allows the Commission to balance building bulk, grading, landscape and tree removal
- The Planning Commission’s authority to review grading plans is made explicitly part of design review of single family and duplex residential development.
- All thresholds for authority have been consolidated and standardized.

Music Okayed as Conditional Use in Neighborhood Commercial Areas: Cabarets, defined as a restaurant, tavern or lounge that provides live musical entertainment on the premises, are now permitted in neighborhood commercial and general commercial areas. The City Council adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance in January to allow the conditional uses in part to create a more lively downtown. However, to balance this new use with the concerns of the neighbors, each establishment is required to have a permit that can set limitations on live music.

Alameda Gateway, Wharton Mini-Park Improvements Coming: Ranked as top priorities by the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission, two improvement projects are planned for this summer and fall.

- Renovations to Patricia Wharton mini-park at the intersection of Notre Dame Avenue and Middle Road, which may include replacing pathways and retaining walls and installing new park benches, landscaping, and irrigation.
- The gateway to Belmont at the San Mateo border on Alameda de las Pulgas is going to be upgraded to feature landscaping on city lots on both sides of Alameda to define this entrance into Belmont. Besides landscaping, appropriate signage will be installed to identify the entrance into Belmont.

Recommended Policy Will Help Staff Develop Fee Schedules For Recreation Programs: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended a policy to City Council for subsidy levels for various recreational activities. The policy will help direct staff in developing fee schedules for various recreation programs that are based on a set approach to subsidy/fee levels for the activities offered. Virtually all recreation programs receive some subsidy. The proposed policy groups recreation activities into three subsidy level categories – low, medium and high. For example: Low subsidy activities, i.e., those in which the participants pay the bulk of the actual cost, include youth and adult recreation classes, adult sports, and day care programs. The high subsidy activities, i.e., those in which the City subsidizes the bulk of the actual cost, include teen, senior, and aquatics programs.

Recycling Efforts Help Keep Rates Down

Belmont residents are doing a terrific job recycling household and yard waste. All those glass and plastics bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, and yard waste diligently sorted and set out on the curb for BFI pickup every other Monday amounted to about 5,000 tons or nearly half of the total residential waste stream last year. Not only was this material diverted from landfill disposal, it earned Belmont \$25,234 in beverage container redemptions from the Department of Conservation. This money goes directly in to Belmont’s garbage fund reserve and helps hold disposal costs down.

You can reduce your own BFI bill by reducing the size of your garbage can; the more you recycle the smaller the garbage can you’ll need.

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Belmont News Briefs

Summer Concert Series Begins in June

The popular Belmont Park Boosters Summer Concert series is returning for its 28th year. The seven Sunday engagements begin June 13 and continue through July 25 at the Twin Pines Park Meadow. The free concerts are scheduled each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with proceeds from sales and donations helping fund park improvements. The entertainment line-up will be posted on the Parks & Recreation page on www.belmont.gov by early May.

Ralston/101 Interchange Update

Modifications to the Ralston Avenue/101 Interchange are expected to get underway this spring and take about two years to complete. The improvements include the modification of the interchange from a full cloverleaf to a partial cloverleaf and widening of local city streets. The existing overcrossing structure will not be modified with this project except for median construction.

The improvements also include the widening of Ralston Avenue and Marine Parkway, replacement of the southbound loop off ramp to eastbound Marine Parkway, and the northbound loop off ramp to westbound Ralston Avenue with realigned diagonal off ramps to new signalized intersections.

The existing local road, Island Parkway, will be realigned and raised in order to accommodate a new direct connection from Marine Parkway to Island Parkway and the Belmont Sports Center. The first noticeable phase this spring will be the hauling of fill material to the interchange and allowing it to settle for several months. The Island Parkway and northbound off-ramp construction will begin in the spring as well. Detours are expected to be minimal during the construction.

Redwood City and Belmont share the \$15 million project, with the bulk of the costs borne by Redwood City.

When You See a Street Light Out

The City has taken over the maintenance of 1,401 streetlights from PG&E. We ask residents to call 595-7427 to report any streetlight that is not working.

When reporting lights that are out, please be sure to include the exact location of the light and a brief description of the problem. Our goal is to repair lights within two weeks.

How To Reach Your Local Officials

City Council.....	595-7413
City Manager's Office	595-7408
City Clerk	595-7413
City Treasurer	637-2961
Finance/Admin. Services.....	595-7436
Business Licenses	595-7436
Human Resources	595-7452
Permit Center.....	595-7416
Police Administration	595-7404
Police Business.....	595-7400
Emergency	9-1-1
Public Works.....	595-7425
Sewers & Traffic.....	595-7427
Parks & Trees.....	595-7441
Recreation – Information.....	595-7441
Barrett Comm. Ctr	595-7447
Senior & Comm. Ctr.....	595-7444
Comm. Learning Ctr. & Day Care.....	595-7448
Facility Rentals.....	637-2927
Planning & Comm. Development	595-7417
Zoning Information.....	598-4204
Building Inspections	595-7422
Code Enforcement	637-2968
Other Local Agencies	
South County Fire Authority	802-4255
Belmont Library	591-8286
Belmont School District	637-4800
Mid-Peninsula Water District	591-8941

Egg Adventure Hunt April 10

The popular annual Egg Adventure Hunt is set for Saturday, April 10, at 9 a.m. sharp at Twin Pines Park, for youngsters between the ages of 3 and 10. Bring your basket, camera, and keep your eyes open for the bunny! The event is free for the youngsters.



Residents Learn Emergency Skills

Twenty-five enthusiastic Belmont residents recently graduated from the first class of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. Another 20-hour, multiple-evening session will be scheduled later this year (see the Activity Guide at www.belmont.gov for updates).

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. The CERT program is all-risk, all-hazard training. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.



Among the topics CERT training teaches participants are:

1. The types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
3. Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
4. Working as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety.
5. Techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
6. Triage under simulated conditions.
7. Selecting and setting up a treatment area.
8. Basic treatments for various wounds.
9. Common techniques for searching a structure.

If you have any questions about CERT, call Belmont Emergency Services Liaison Hilory Brown at 595-7400.

Spring Recreation Programs

Spring break for your children does not have to be idle, thanks to programs presented by the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department. Check the Belmont parks and recreation homepage at www.belmont.gov, or call 595-7441 for information on all upcoming programs and events.

Staff Reports Available Online

Staff reports for City Council agenda items are now available on the Belmont website, www.belmont.gov.

To access the reports, simply click on the "meeting agendas and minutes" link near the top of the City's website. Go to the City Council calendar and pick the agenda of the meeting you are interested in and the agenda title will link you directly to the staff report.

Community Events Calendar

- Wednesday, March 24 – 7:00 p.m. Ralston Gym, Parent Education Night. Issues covered will range from teenage drug and alcohol use, Internet safety, bullying and Megan's Law. Persons attending will also be given a copy of A Parent's Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Use. Contact 595-7412.
- March 25 – April 4 Lysistrata, directed by Michael Elkins, NDNU Theatre, Call 508-3623.
- Sun. April 4, 3:00 p.m. San Francisco Pocket Opera presents Handel's opera "Rinaldo" NDNU Ralston Hall Ballroom. Call 415-972-8934.
- April 5-9 – Spring Camp – call 595-7441.
- Saturday, April 10 - 9:00 a.m. Egg Adventure Hunt in Twin Pines Park – call 595-7441.
- April 15-18, 7:30 p.m. "Songs for a New World," a Musical Theatre Revue, NDNU Theatre. Call 508-3429.
- Sun. April 18, 3 p.m., "Salon Viardot"- Ralston Hall Ballroom. Call 508-3429.
- April 25, 3:00 p.m., Viva La Musica! Choral Concert, NDNU Chapel. Call 346-5084.
- April 26-27, 7:30 p.m., NDNU Opera/Musical Theatre Showcase of Student Talent, NDNU Theatre. Call 508-3429
- Saturday, June 5 – 9am - 2:30 pm, Flea Market, Barrett Community Center – call 595-7441.
- Sunday, June 6 – 2nd Annual Belmont Community Fair, sponsored by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 595-8696.

Mark your Calendars...

- Sundays, beginning May 2 – 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Farmer's Market – call 595-7441.
- Sundays, June 13 - July 25, 1-4 pm, Summer Concert Series, Twin Pines Park – call 595-7441.
- September 18 and 19 – Art and Wine Festival in Twin Pines Park; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m./Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On-Going Events

§ Cottage luncheons are held on the 4th Friday of the month (12-1:30 p.m.) and are by reservation 592-3366.

§ Book Nook open 2nd Sunday of each month; also the 4th Friday and following Saturday of each month.

Activities Galore for Seniors

There are numerous events and programs for seniors provided at the Belmont Senior & Community Center provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

So many classes, groups, and special events to choose from: Stamp Collecting ,Conversational Language, Bridge, Scrabble, Doll Making, Clubs you can join, and volunteer opportunities. You are sure to find something of interest. Come visit the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and meet the friendly volunteers and staff. For questions or to make reservations for our activities, please call 595-7444.

Design the 2004 Art & Wine Festival Poster! For guidelines and more information, call 595-7441. Deadline is June 11.

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